



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held September 26, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“On Tuesday, September 19, 2006, the Centinela Freeman Healthsystem (CFHS) announced that it intends to close the Emergency Department (ED) at its Centinela Freeman Regional Medical Center - Memorial Campus, located at 333 North Prairie Avenue in Inglewood, on December 18, 2006. CFHS indicated the decision was made on the basis that the Memorial Campus continues to struggle financially and sustain significant operational losses; citing, in particular, State-mandated nurse staffing ratios and AB 394 seismic requirements.

“Last year, the Memorial campus reported 38,883 ED visits, with 9,115 patients transported by the 911 system in 2005. The closure of the Memorial Campus ED is likely to have a negative effect on the Emergency Medical Services county-wide delivery system and may potentially impact the community’s access to healthcare.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Director of Health Services and County Counsel to ensure that Centinela Freeman Healthsystem (CFHS) complies with all required notifications to the community, health plans, and health plan enrollees, regarding CFHS’ intention to close the Emergency Department at its Centinela Freeman Regional Medical Center - Memorial Campus located at 333 North Prairie Avenue in Inglewood, on December 18, 2006; and

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2. Requested the Emergency Medical Services Commission to move swiftly to conduct the required Public Hearing to be held in the City of Inglewood to ensure the widest possible participation by the citizens and healthcare providers in the City and its immediate surrounding area; and
3. Required the Emergency Medical Services Agency to write an Impact Evaluation Study as required by law.

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Letter sent to:

Chair, Emergency Medical Services Commission